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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, relative to the "Touching the Lives of Children" program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 6 of this act as a new part.

SECTION 2. The department of education shall continue the "Touching the Lives of Children" pilot program originally authorized by Chapter 348 of the Public Acts of 1997 and expanded by Chapter 757 of the Public Acts of 1998.

SECTION 3. The "Touching the Lives of Children" program shall be continued in the current fifteen (15) counties in which it is operating. If any one of those counties is not continued in the program, the department shall establish criteria for selection of counties to volunteer to participate in the pilot program. Such criteria shall include the requirement that a group of volunteers teach the program and that the application from the county include information on the volunteer group which will teach the program.

SECTION 4. No grant made for such pilot programs shall exceed the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000), unless the amount of grants is increased either by statute or in the general appropriations act.

SECTION 5. The department shall report annually to the education committees of the house of representatives and the senate on the program but any reports or companions shall include only children actively participating in the program. Such reports shall also be provided to the joint oversight committee on education.

SECTION 6. No more than five (5) pilot programs shall be established in any grand division.

SECTION 7. For the purpose of promulgating or extending any regulations, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.